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**HANDEL**

## Semele

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1. Cadmus and his devout followers have created a temple to Juno, the queen of the gods, in order to bless the arranged marriage of his daughter Semele (soprano Amanda Forsythe) to Athamus.



2. Semele (soprano Amanda Forsythe) arrives for the ceremony after many attempts to delay the marriage due her new love of Jupiter, the king of the gods.



3. Athamus (countertenor Tim Mead), Semele (soprano Amanda Forsythe), and Cadmus (bass baritone Alex Rosen).



4. Amanda Forsythe as Semele and Tim Mead as Athamus in *Semele* at Opera Philadelphia's Festival O19.



5. Alex Rosen as Cadmus in *Semele* at Opera Philadelphia.



1. Athamus (countertenor Tim Mead) and Ino (embodied by both mezzo-soprano Daniela Mack and dancer Lindsey Matheis) in *Semele*.





2. Ino is embodied by mezzo-soprano Daniela Mack and principal dancer Lindsey Matheis.



3. Principal dancer Lindsey Matheis, mezzo-soprano Daniela Mack, and countertenor Tim Mead in *Semele*.



4. Semele (soprano Amanda Forsythe) escapes her wedding and ascends to the realm of the gods to be with Jupiter.



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11. Semele with Jupiter (tenor Alek Shrader) in *Semele* at Opera Philadelphia.



12. Juno (mezzo-soprano Daniela Mack), angered at her husband's adultery, has ordered her messenger Iris (soprano Sarah Shafer) to discover where Semele has been taken.



13. Juno (mezzo-soprano Daniela Mack) and Iris (soprano Sarah Shafer) go to see Somnus (bass baritone Alex Rosen).





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15. Alex Rosen as Somnus and Daniela Mack as Juno in *Semele* at Opera Philadelphia's Festival O19.



16. Ino (mezzo-soprano Daniela Mack) journeys to the immortal realm to see Semele (soprano Amanda Forsythe).



17. Juno puppets Ino in order to convince Semele (soprano Amanda Forsythe) that she has been made as beautiful as a god.



18. Semele (soprano Amanda Forsythe) confronts Jupiter (tenor Alek Shrader) to demand he appear to her in his immortal form of thunder and lightning.



19. From the ashes of Semele rises Bacchus (principal dancer Lindsey Matheis).



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